SPIDER WEB EMBROIDERY

Supplies:

- Spiderweb Pattern
- 4" embroidery hoop
- black embroidery thread (310) and needle
- bleached white muslin - cut to 7 inches square
- Halloween spider buttons
- hot glue gun and glue
- *optional:* black paint

Instructions:

1. Tape the pattern to a window (while it's light outside). Tape the fabric on top. Using a pencil, trace the pattern onto the fabric. (You could use a lightbox instead if you have one.)
2. Place the fabric in the embroidery hoop and backstitch along the lines. (see instructions for how to backstitch)
3. Remove the fabric from the hoop.
4. *optional:* Paint along the outer edge and the top of the embroidery hoop with black paint. Let paint dry completely.
5. Press embroidery flat if needed. Insert into embroidery hoops.
6. Trim excess, leaving about 1 inch of fabric.
7. Using a hot glue gun, adhere the fabric to the inner side of the hoop.
8. Attach the spider buttons to the needlework. You can stitch a line down and attach the spider to the fabric, or you can have the thread dangling, and tie the spider button to the end.
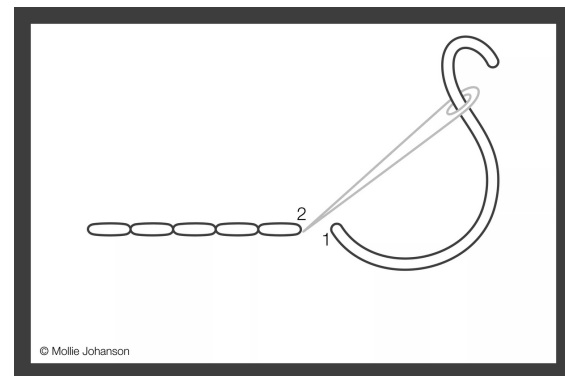
How to Backstitch

As you stitch, move your stitching hand from the back of the fabric to the front of the work as needed.

To begin, bring the needle up through the back of the fabric slightly in front of where the stitching will begin (point 1).

Make a single stitch backward to the point where the stitching should begin (point 2) by inserting the needle front to back.

Bring the needle up a short distance from the first stitch on the line to the right. This will be the start of the second stitch (a new point 1; the old point 1 is the new point 2).

Continue stitching in the same manner, spacing the stitches at regular intervals, until you reach the end point of your line.

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Optional - painting your embroidery hoop black

Adhere the back of the fabric to the back of the hoop